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## TALKED OVER.

### Kentuckian Talks to The Hon. Jas. A. Hughes of Early Days.

Washington Post.

The Hon. David Highbaugh Smith, of Kentucky, who claims the championship for the ugliest man in the House of Representatives, and the Hon. Jas. A. Hughes, of West Virginia, sat side by side in the Riggs House one evening this week, political foes, but the best of friends, and talked of the days, nearly twenty years ago, when they were fellow-members of the Kentucky Legislature.

"That was a great Legislature—that of 1887-88," said Mr. Smith, "and, besides present company, it included in its membership a number of men who afterwards achieved distinction. The gentleman who will succeed me in the next Congress—Hon. Ben Johnston, was Speaker of the House. William Lindsey, who came later to the United States Senate, was then a Senator. Ollie James was one of the pages and even then gave promise of future renown. George Davidson, John Hendricks and David Colson, ex-Congressmen, and John Langley, Congressman—elect were in it and so was Tom Glenn, who later came to Congress from Idaho. If Hughes had been a Democrat and stayed with us he might also have come to Congress from Kentucky, but he could not escape his fate, and migrated to West Virginia, where the people ultimately discovered his statesmanlike abilities."

### Extracts From School Laws.

Important to Trustees and Teachers.

"Within 10 days after close of the last month of the term, the teacher shall make out term report from the term summary in the register; shall present the term report, the last monthly report and the teacher's register to the chairman, who shall carefully inspect them and approve the report if correct, make out the chairman's annual report and then give the teacher certificate for the month or months not previously certified. Any teacher or trustee who shall make a false report shall be guilty of misdemeanor, and on conviction may be fined \$50. Total time must be at least 120 days, less the legal holidays, or 121 days where teacher failed to attend county association. Teachers can have only the benefits of such legal holidays as they actually observe. No teacher shall teach on Saturday. Legal holidays in Kentucky are Labor day, Thanksgiving day, Christmas day, New Year's day, Washington birthday and Independence day. Trustees are personally responsible if they give any time to teachers more than the legal holidays."

## Married.

On Tuesday last Miss Martha Belle Roberts and Mr. John G. Branham were married at the home of the bride, about 3 miles from this place, the Rev. L. M. Opley officiating. There were a few relatives and intimate friends present, and those assisted the happy couple in disposing of a sumptuous dinner.

The groom is a son of the late D. D. Branham and is an industrious and worthy young man. Mrs. Branham is a handsome, intelligent woman, of much repute as a successful teacher. Mrs. and Mrs. Roberts will live on the farm of their father, Reed Roberts.

## Off To The Golden West.

On Monday last Mrs. F. L. Stewart and daughter, Dr. M. G. Watson and C. T. Rule left for a two months' visit to California and the regions round about. They will visit Los Angeles, Redlands, San Francisco and other places in the Golden State, and may go to Mexico. Their many friends wish them a pleasant journey and a safe return.

## Shuttle Train.

The C. and O. has put on a shuttle train between Ashland and Huntington and for the convenience of our readers we give the schedule:

Le Ash. 7:00 am; Ar. Hnt. 1:30 am.  
Le Hnt. 11:00 am; Ar. Ash. 11:30 am.  
Le Ash. 1:00 pm; Ar. Hnt. 1:30 pm.  
Le Hnt. 3:30 pm; Ar. Ash. 4:30 pm.  
Le Ash. 5:00 pm; Ar. Hnt. 5:30 pm.  
Le Hnt. 6:00 pm; Ar. Ash. 6:00 pm.

## Congress and The Big Sandy.

A recent number of the Courier Journal spoke ably and justly of the failure of the railroads to supply transportation for coal during the late cold spell, and indicated how relief could be obtained from so serious a condition. Continuing it said:

But, judged by the past, it is impossible to say when that day of relief will come. When, in 1879, the State transferred its slackwater improvement to the Federal Government for their completion there had been constructed in the Kentucky river five locks and dams. There were still also more necessary to extend the navigation to Beattyville, at the Three Forks, near which the coal formation begins, 116 miles from the mouth. Considering the narrowness of the river and the accessibility of material, it was reasonably thought that the system would be completed within ten or twelve years, yet but seven locks have been constructed, the last, No. 12, being not yet wholly completed. This leaves two more to be built before the system is finished. Taking the average time required for those to this date built, it will be eight years before this relief will be afforded. The present Rivers and Harbors Bill, as reported provides \$520,000 for the Kentucky river, but at the average cost this will not be sufficient for the completion of the two remaining locks, if, indeed, it will suffice inclusive of the cost of operating and keeping in repair the locks and dams which have been completed, and will leave little, if any, for the last lock. This letting out a lock and dam at a time has been an expensive experiment, when half a dozen or all of them could have been placed in course of construction at once at a cost estimated with great saving of money both to the Government and to the people of the State, who have been at increased expense for coal for the want of this source of supply.

The same wasteful policy and delay have been pursued as to the Big Sandy river in aggravated degree. Save for a lock and dam just above the mouth of the river, and one at Louisa, at the junction of the Tug fork and South fork of the river, there has been but little done towards making the river navigable to the great coal deposits which are traversed by both forks. The waters of this stream embrace about 1,000 square miles of the richest coal deposits in the United States, both as to quality and the number of seams. Railroads are being extended into it, but without the slackwater they will be subject to the same car shortage and increase in price of coal as exist now elsewhere. And yet Congress refuses to discharge its obligation and complete the system, a provision whatever having been made for the river in the pending bill. It is not only an act of injustice to Kentucky that no provision has been made for the extension of the much needed work, but an act of evident bad faith in not carrying out the spirit of the contract in the cession by the State of the river for slackwater improvement. The Kentucky delegation in the next Congress ought to see that Kentucky receives better treatment as to this river.

## Other Newspapers As Well.

The Big Sandy News holds front rank as a disseminator of intelligence, both local and general. It reaps and gleans in a large field, and its readers get all the news with the NEWS. And it is glad to see that other newspapers gather from its fat columns much which they otherwise would fail to lay before their readers. Even our feeble jokes and alleged witticisms are cordially and set up as original. Thanks. Your appreciation is appreciated.

## Sale of Property.

B. F. Thomas has sold his elegant residence to Prof. W. M. Rylington. The price was \$6,500 and possession is to be given March 1. The house is one of the most desirable properties in the Sandy Valley. After March first the Thomases will go to Cincinnati.

The friends of Dr. W. W. Fugitt are always glad to hear from him. He is now at St. Petersburg, Fla. He and his wife will spend the winter at this and other points in Florida.

## KILLED HIS FATHER.

### West Virginian Arrested in Ohio Says He Did The Deed.

The following is taken from the Ohio State Journal:

Delaware, Jan. 27.—Overcome with remorse and with tears streaming down his face, a stranger giving the name of Mont Runyon, who has been held on suspicion by the Delaware police for the past four days, to-day confessed to Chief of Police Matthews, it is claimed, that he murdered his father at Williamson, W. Va., two weeks ago.

The man, who is 40 years old, says he and his father were at work in a logging camp and a quarrel arose over the son's excessive drinking, whereupon he pulled a revolver, shooting his father twice. Runyon fled, leaving the dead body in the woods, where, he says, it probably still remains undiscovered, as there was no one within six miles of the scene of the alleged murder.

Runyon came to Delaware last Monday and his actions led to his being taken in charge by the police. The local authorities have not received any word from Williamson. The man's story is believed by the officers.

## Slump in Ginseng.

Ginseng is falling. The fabulous prices once paid for the root so highly prized by the Chinese has taken a tumble and the trade that once was responsible for nomadic parties wandering through the fastnesses of the Kentucky mountains during the summer months has fallen off to such an extent that in most of the mountain districts the sang hoe, has been hung up as a relic of the past because sang is scarce and prices are low.

Ginseng is found in two other places besides this country, Japan and Manchuria. The Chinese have a great love for the herb which tradition tells them is a preventive for sickness and of great medicinal value. They make from it a kind of tea which they universally drink.

When China boycotted American goods last year, ginseng was included. This year, however, that country is again purchasing ginseng, but in small quantities.

From present indications it appears that the palmy days of the "sang" digger are over, for when the Chinese trade falls there will be practically no demand for the herb.

## Mrs Sullivan's Flinch.

The never-failing rain or shine ladies, the members of the Flinch Club were delightfully entertained by Mrs. H. C. Sullivan last Thursday afternoon, in her pleasant room at the hotel Arlington. The story to be told of the meeting is but a repetition of so many heretofore related: Choice company, exciting games—for Flinch can be exciting,—most inviting refreshments, and a delightful hostess. Bright tartsations bestowed upon the guests lent a touch of color and a delicate fragrance to a delightful occasion.

## State Institute.

State Agricultural Commissioner Vreeland addressed a letter to the members of the Farmers' Institute of Kentucky, notifying them of the selection of Shelbyville as the place of holding the second annual State Institute on February 26, 27, and 28, and of the provisions of the law governing the holding of the Institute, delegate strength and other details.

## Must File Claims.

Farmers wishing to recover for sheep killed or crippled by dogs must have the sheep appraised and file their claims with the County Judge within twenty-four hours after the sheep have been killed or crippled. Remember this fact, farmers, for this is the law.

## Entertainment at Blaine.

The Epworth League will give an entertainment at the Methodist Church here on Thursday night, Feb. 14th, for the benefit of the church and Sunday School. This entertainment will be both instructive and amusing and the best one ever given at that place.

## Court Cullings.

The third week of Circuit Court is nearly gone and business seems as brisk as ever.

In the case of Pigg's administrator vs. Northup, damages for injuries received at Northup's tie hoist, the jury by direction of the Court, rendered a verdict for the defendant.

Kelly one year for fearfully maiming his own son, and Browning 20 years for brutally murdering a woman, have been taken to Frankfort.

Labe Simpson, the death of whose child is noted elsewhere was a member of the regular panel and was one of the jury engaged in the case of John Hays against the heirs of Alexander Lackey. All the evidence was in, and all the argument had been made except the speech of one of the counsel was finished when the news of the sickness of Simpson's child reached him. He was, of course, released from the jury, and as one side refused to let the case proceed with eleven jurors it was taken from the jury and the whole cause must be tried from the beginning.

Frank Kelley has a son in the penitentiary doing time under a 20 years' sentence for murder. There is such an ancestral legacy.

The judge has held several night sessions of Court.

For a couple of days the jury has been wrestling with the case of Perkins vs. the C. and O. Ry., suit for damages for personal injuries.

John W. Woods, County Attorney of Floyd county, is attending Court.

Judge Redwine is handling the business in a very satisfactory manner.

## The K. N. C.

One word tells the story of the College: Progress. All departments thrived with pupils and everything is moving like well regulated machinery under the controlling hand of President Byington. The latest building to be pressed into the service of the school is the City Hall. In the voting room Miss Daisy Marr has her class in stenography and typewriting, and she gives entire satisfaction as a teacher of these branches. The various teachers of the College certainly know what the strenuous life means. From 7 to 5 the teaching and reciting go on. No telling what they will do when the days get long.

## Due To Arrive.

A well known character will, according to general rumor, arrive in this vicinity to-morrow. While his wide reputation he is, if what is said of him is true, a very silly sort of a body. If the day of his coming is a bright sunny day instead of remitting to enjoy it he immediately goes away, and stays about a month and a half.

Among the learned this foolish chap is known as Arcionys Monax, but his lack of sense entitles him to the name by which he is more generally known—Ground Hog.

## Ironton Merchant Dead.

A. J. Brumberg, a prominent merchant of Ironton, died last Saturday after a lingering illness. He had been many years in business and stood high in the business and social circles of Ironton. He was 49 years old and left a widow and several children.

Mr. Brumberg was the largest advertiser in all this section. He built up the largest clothing business this side of Cincinnati by the use of advertising. His fortune is reported to be very large.

## A Distressing Death.

Last Saturday a little boy, aged about 3 years, son of Harvey Belcher, was playing with some grains of coffee. He put one in his mouth and it got into his windpipe. Every possible effort was made to dislodge it, but before surgical aid could be obtained the little fellow died. Mr. Belcher lives near Donithon this county.

## Fire in Ashland.

A fire in Ashland last Saturday night destroyed the contents of Josephson's clothing store. There was about \$8000 insurance on the stock. Shipman and Centry's store is under the same roof, and their escape from serious loss was very narrow. Fire Marshal Ayers is in Ashland investigating the fire and its cause.

## PERT PARAGRAPHS

### Picked Up At Pike, Paint and Prestonsburg.

Lewis Blanton has been appointed postmaster at Vera, Greenup county, vice S. W. Grace, removed.

Johnson county is blessed with having only one prisoner in jail, and it is hoped that he will reform.

Pikeville, Jan. 26.—O. A. Stump filed bond and took oath as postmaster of the Pikeville office yesterday.

Mat and Joel Sanders returned today to their homes at Hellier, by permission of the Governor. "They ought not to have been sent to Frankfort," is the unanimous enunciation of all their neighbors.

Jas. Conley, Jr., son of Madison Conley, died at his home at Bonanza, after a lingering illness of several months. He was a most excellent young man, and his untimely death is deeply deplored by relatives and friends.

Whitesburg, Ky., Jan. 25.—A double wedding was celebrated on the roadside yesterday in which the brides were schoolgirls. The couples are John Wright and Miss Della Craft, aged thirteen, and William Polly and Miss Lizzie Bentley, aged fourteen.

The remains of Rev. Thomas Williams were brought from Georges creek to be put into his long resting place. Mr. Williams had been a minister of the gospel for thirty-five years, and was one of the best men in Johnson county.

Mayking, Ky., Jan. 27.—Messages from Osage Nation, Oklahoma, relatives here announce the death of Moses Blair, age forty-eight, formerly of this county. He had been in the West twenty years. He has several brothers and many relatives in Letcher county.

Pikeville, Jan. 23.—Editor S. S. Cassidy returned yesterday from Ashland, where he had been on business. The Plain Dealer has announced that it will henceforth be independent in all things. The editor has purchased a fine news press and job press, which are expected any day.

Paintsville, Ky., Jan. 24.—While trying to stop a row between Ed Bryant and Marcus Davis last night John Mulligan was seriously stabbed three times, sustaining dangerous wounds. More trouble may arise as feeling is high against Bryant. Mulligan is resting easy now. Bryant is in jail.

Mayking, Ky., Jan. 27.—A good flow of natural gas has been struck on Hurleane creek, two miles east of Pikeville. The gas will be piped to Pikeville and utilized for lighting in town. A local concern is being organized to make the proper developments. Pike county is believed to be rich in oil and gas.

Prestonsburg, Jan. 25.—Dr. Perry Hall died this morning, after several months' illness of consumption. He had been at the home of his parents. Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hall, at East Point, ever since his return last summer from Hindman, Knott county, where he had practiced medicine for over a year, having built up a good practice.

C. D. Langhorn, etc., vs. William Nelson.—Filed January 16, 1907. (Not to be reported.) Appeal from Johnson Circuit Court. Opinion of the court by Carroll, Commissioner, reversing.

Master and Servant.—Injury to Servant.—Blaming.—Use of Defective Fuse.—In an action by an employee against the master for damages for an injury in setting off a blast by the use of defective fuse, evidence considered and held to be insufficient to sustain a verdict.

Walter S. Harkins for appellants; Vaughan, Howes and Howes for appellees.

Country hams are in good demand and the Big Sandy Produce Co., of Louisa, is now paying ten cents per pound. Also, seven cents for all gathered hogs. This company will pay you the highest price for this and other country products at all times.

## To County Clerks.

State Auditor Hager has addressed a letter to the County Clerks of the State calling upon them to hurry along copies of recapitulation books and transfer sheets for their respective counties for the use of the State Board of Equalization. The board, under the law, meets in annual session on February 10 next, and all books and sheets must be in the hands of the auditor before that time. Otherwise the work of the board will be delayed.

The Governor has not yet named the members of the Board of Equalization for this year, but will shortly announce the make-up of the body.

## Post Yourself.

Farmers who do their own butchering should post themselves on the terms of the new federal meat law regarding shipment of meat. It is also necessary before a carcass can be shipped outside the state where it is killed for the farmer to make a formal certificate setting forth the date of the killing, the condition of the animal when killed and giving other data. Otherwise no express company or railroad freight can carry it over a state line. It is necessary to get regular government blanks for these certificates from some meat inspector's office.

## Union Services.

An arrangement has been perfected by which a union service will be held in one of the three churches of the town one Sabbath evening in each month. The object of this service is to promote a more aggressive and united effort to reach and save the unsaved. The first one of these services will be held at the M. E. Church. The sermon will be preached by Rev. O. F. Williams, Pastor of the M. E. Church, South. Time 7:30, central standard time.

## Death From Croup.

A little child of Labe Simpson's died last Tuesday of membranous croup. It was sick a very short time. The Simpson home is on Deep-brie branch, five or six miles from Louisa.

## Grocery Stock Sold.

On last Saturday B. W. Hackworth sold his stock of groceries to Ernest Shannon, who in turn sold it to William Sammons. The fixtures, those not bought by Shannon were sold to a party up Tug.

## GALLUP.

Quarterly meeting was held here last Saturday and Sunday by Rev. Ackman.

S. Y. Dobbins is teaching a normal school here with a large attendance. Mr. Dobbins is one among the best teachers in the county.

Late Hardwick is on our creek every day with two ox teams hauling logs. Eleven fine hogheads of tobacco were started for Louisville this evening.

People of this place are going to build a Methodist parsonage.

Henry Kendall, of Zanesville, Ohio, is here visiting his daughter, Mrs. Frank Childers.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Tobe Childers on the 11th, a daughter.

Miss Addie Gilkerson and Mac Sammons have gone to Richmond Ky., to attend school.

Mrs. Cora Perry is visiting her father at Louisa.

Philip Shivel is visiting his sister at Crayton.

L. R. Childers and wife are visiting Labe Childers.

James Norton is running his planing machine every day.

W. M. Dobbins is on the sick list. Born, to Frank Childers and wife, a daughter.

Mr. Hannah has returned from Louisa, where he has been sitting on the grand jury.

J. H. McClure and Augustus Snyder will start to Louisville in a few days to try the tobacco market.

Myer Brown was en route to see Jerry Muncey.

Louis Stafford and wife have moved back to G. W. Dobbins'.

Mrs. Nettie McClure and little daughter Mary Ethel, visited home folks recently.

Quite a number from here attended court at Louisa.

A number of pupils from other districts are attending the normal school here.

Bushy Hollow.